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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tae-yong SOHN

Appln. No.: 09/472,869

Group Art Unit: 2614

Confirmation No.: 9316

Examiner: NATNAEL, PAULO M.

Filed: December 28, 1999

For: APPARATUS FOR SELECTIVELY CONVERTING CLOCK FREQUENCY IN
DIGITAL SIGNAL RECEIVER

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2002, please consider the following
remarks:

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

The Examiner rejects all of the claims based on Han et al. (US 6,297,850) and Hwang
(US 6,097,437) either individually or in combination. Applicant respectfully traverses the
rejections as set forth below.

Since the Applicant's foreign priority date of December 28, 1998 is prior to Han et al.'s
U.S. filing date of December 30, 1998, Han et al. can be removed as a prior art reference by
perfecting the Applicant's claim to priority. Thus, Applicant seeks to perfect the claim to
priority by filing an English language translation of the certified copy of the priority document.
Although the translation and accompanying statement of its accuracy are not being filed

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concurrently herewith, Applicant will file these documents as soon as possible, thereby removing Han et al. as a prior art reference.

Also, since, at the time the invention of the present application was made, the Hwang reference and the present application were commonly assigned to Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., and since the present application was filed after November 29, 1999 (the effective date of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 that allows for removing of §103 references based on common assignment), Hwang can be removed as a prior art reference. Therefore, because of the existence of the common assignment, Hwang is hereby removed as a prior art reference.

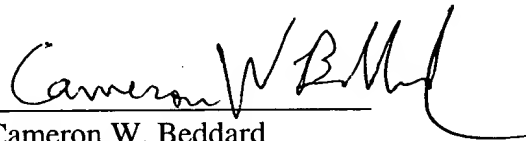
Since both of the applied references are removed by this response and the subsequent filing of the English translation of the priority document and corresponding statement of accuracy of the translation, all of claims 1-11 are believed to be in form for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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